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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to Docket # 98P-051/CP1. I urge you to grant this petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals that are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. These animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains-inhumane processes which cause injuries from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. Agriculture in the United States should never condone this abusive treatment of animals under any circumstances. Downed animals compromise a very small percentage of animals to be slaughtered, and as such, eliminating them from the food chain would not present an economic hardship to farmers.

Removing downed animals from the marketplace will provide an incentive for farmers to provide better care and handling of their animals, which should account for a 90% drop in the number of downers.

Sincerely,



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